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MINUTES

OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

United Baptist Association,

Held with the Church at New Hope, Wilkes Co., N. C.,

October the 14th and 15th, 1864.

NEW HOPE, WILKES COUNTY, N. C.,
Friday, October 14th, 1864.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. Reed, according to appointment of last year, from Matthew XIII chapter and XXIII verse: "But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, &c."

After a respite of thirty minutes, the Association convened in church house, and was called to order by Elder S. Ferguson, Moderator of last year, by singing and prayer.

Letters from ten churches were handed in and read, from which the annexed statistical table was made out.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers.—Elders R. H. Moody and W. C. Parkes were appointed to take the vote. Elder S. FERGUSON was chosen *Moderator*, and bro. P. ELLER, *Clerk*.

Invited corresponding messengers, when W. C. Parkes, from the Jefferson Association, with a letter, and R. H. Moody, from the Catawba Association, with a letter, were kindly received, the right hand of fellowship was given them by the Moderator and they seated with the Association.

Appointed Elder R. L. Steele and bro. Benjamin Martin a committee on finance.

Appointed the delegates of the New Hope church a committee on devotional exercise.

Appointed Elders S. Trivett, J. McNeil, and W. R. Gaultney, a committee on resolutions.

Appointed the next Association to be held with the Oak Forest church, Wilkes County, N. C., nine miles east from Wilkesboro, to commence on Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1865. Elder R. L. Steele to preach the introductory sermon; Elder R. Gentry, his alternate.

The committee on devotional exercise reported for to-morrow, Elders J. B. Green, I. Oxford and S. Trivett, and that they occupy time in the order of their names.

Appointed Elders R. Gentry, I. Oxford, J. B. Green, bro. B. Martin and Elder J. Reed, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee of arrangement, and invite corresponding messengers to sit with them.

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...d transient preachers to seats in the Association. On ..., adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer ...lder Gaultney.

SATURDAY, October 15th, 1864.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder R. H. Moody.

1st. Called the roll of delegates and marked absentees.

2nd. Called on the committee of Arrangement who reported. Report received and the committee discharged.

3rd. Read, corrected and adopted the minutes of yesterday.

4th. Read rules of decorum.

5th. Extended the invitation of yesterday, inviting transient preachers: A. Irwin accepted the invitation; and also Elder Wm. Hall, from the Roaring River Association, accepted the invitation.

6th. The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Temperance,	Elder I. Oxford.
" Sabbath Schools,	Bro. B. Martin.
" Periodicals,	Elder S. Trivett.
" Missions,	" J. B. Green.
" Colportage,	" W. R. Gaultney.
" Education,	" J. Reed.
" Missions of Women,	" S. Trivett.

7th. Elder R. L. Steele to write a circular, and have it published in the Recorder.

8th. Called on the Treasurer, who reported, and was discharged. See report, appendix, letter A.

9th. Called on corresponding messengers, who reported and were discharged.

10th. Called on the delegates appointed to the Baptist State Convention, who reported and were discharged.

11th. Appointed corresponding messengers: To the Catawba Association, Elders J. Reed, R. L. Steele, I. Oxford and J. H. West. To the Roan Mountain, Elder J. McNeil to write a corresponding letter to that Association. To the Yadkin, Elders W. R. Gaultney, J. McNeil and J. B. Green. To the Lebanon, Elders S. Trivett, J. McNeil, and brethren P. Eller and James Eller. To the Jefferson Association, Elders R. Gentry, S. Trivett, W. R. Gaultney, J. Reed and J. McNeil.

12th. Appointed Elders W. R. Gaultney and S. Trivett delegates to the next session of the Baptist State Convention.

13th. Called on our Missionary of the last Associational year, who reported satisfactory, and was discharged. See report at letter B.

14th. On motion, a committee of THREE, employ a missionary to ride the next year, named Elders R. Gentry, J. B. Green and R. L. Steele, who reported and were discharged. See report, at letter C.

15th. The committee on Temperance was called on, who reported that he failed to write, and was discharged.

16th. The committee on Sabbath Schools reported, and was discharged. See appendix, letter D.

Took a recess for one-half hour, after which, the Association took up its regular business.

17th. The committee on Periodicals reported, and was discharged. See report, at letter E.

18th. The committee on Education reported, and was discharged. See report, at letter F.

19th. The committee on Devotional Exercise reported, for Sabbath, Elder W. C. Parkes, first; Elder R. H. Moody, to follow, and preach a Denominational sermon; Elder W. R. Gaultney, third and last, and to preach a Missionary and Temperance sermon.

20th. The committee appointed to visit Fishing Creek church, reported that they failed to attend, and, on motion, was discharged.

21st. Then, after the matter was investigated and discussed, the Association withdrew from her.

22nd. The Association then advised brethren H. Curtis, Harvey Pennel, and others, who had been excluded from Fishing Creek church, to join any church they may choose, by application, or to constitute a church upon the principles of this Association, based upon the principles of the New Testament.

23rd. The Association then authorized the Treasurer to hand over the books on hand to the brother Missionaries, who are required to sell them at five times their original cost.

24th. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that he be allowed twenty five dollars for his services, and the balance to be applied to the use of printing.

25th. The committee on Finance reported, and was discharged. See report, at letter G.

Then, on motion, the Association adjourned to time and place appointed.

S. FERGUSON, *Moderator.*

P. ELLER, *Clerk.*

Thus closed another session of this Association, in which not a single jar occurred to mar its peace, and during the entire service, peace, harmony and unanimity prevailed. [*Clerk.*

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[illegible] Gaultney. [illegible]sabbath.

The stan[illegible] occupie[illegible] by Elders W. C. Parkes and R. H. Moody. Elder Gaultney was to have occupied the third hour, or rather was to have preached the third sermon, but did not. Elder Parkes preached first; text, XV chapter of I Corinthians, LVII verse: "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory," &c. Elder Moody followed, text, Ephesians IV chapter, V verse: "One Lord, one faith, one baptism."

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.	*Post Offices.*	*Counties.*
S. Ferguson,	Warrior Creek,	Wilkes.
Wm. Church,	Lewis Fork,	"
J. McNeil,	Perlear's Creek,	"
A. W. Vannoy,	"	"
I. Oxford,	Deal's Mills,	Caldwell.
J. H. West,	"	"
J. B. Green,	New Hope,	Iredell.
J. Reed,	Little River,	Alexander.
R. L. Steele,	Taylorsville,	"
R. Gentry,	Gap Creek,	Ashe
I. Trivett,	Jefferson,	"
A. Johnson,	"	"
W. R. Gaultney,	Taylorsville,	Alexander.

Report of Committees.

A. REPORT OF TREASURER.

Received from the Association,		$60 10
Paid for printing Minutes,	$45 00	
Clerk's compensation,	15 00	
Freight on Minutes,	1 10	
		$60 10

R. L. STEELE, *Treasurer.*

B. MISSIONARY REPORT.

Labored in the army 60 days, received from the New Hope church,	$117 00
In the bounds of Association 25 days, rec'd	30 00
Received from Association,	25 00
	$172 00

JAMES McNEIL.

C. COMMITTEE OF THREE.

The committee appointed to employ a Missionary, report: We have procured the consent of brethren S. Trivett, James McNeil and Jas. Reed to ride in the different sections of this Association, who are to depend on their fields of labor for support.

R. GENTRY,
J. B. GREEN,
R. L. STEELE.

D. REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sabbath Schools regret that they have not the data upon which to base a report of what is being done in this important department of christian labor, in the bounds of our own Association, much less in the State; but we rejoice to know that there are some tolerably well attended Sabbath Schools in our bounds, notwithstanding the great crises that is upon us, and we hope the day is not far distant when there will be a more united effort, and a more systematic plan in carrying on this useful and noble work. In almost all the churches within our knowledge where Sabbath Schools have been regularly attended, God has given his sanction by the out-pouring of his Holy Spirit, in addition to the churches of the youths of the land. Respectfully presented,

ISAAC OXFORD.

E. REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals recommend the Biblical Recorder as the organ of the Baptists, in N. C., as being an able and faithful exponent of Bible doctrine, and in every respect, well adapted to the improvement of the mind of its numerous readers, both for religious and miscellaneous news, and should be patronized by our denomination, and many copies sent to our beloved soldiers in the army. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES REED.

F. REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is so important an enterprise, that it commends itself to every man's conscience in the sight of God. All who are called upon to teach, preach, or transact business, feel the necessity of educational improvement. The pressure of the times has greatly embarrassed us, but we should double our diligence, and increase our efforts, knowing that our youths may shortly be called to fill important positions in our glorious country's cause.

R. L. STEELE.

G. REPORT ON FINANCE.

Received from the Churches,	$102 20	
From br. H. Curtis,	7 00	
From br. Thos. Isbell,	3 00	
		$112 20

Distributed as follows:-		
For printing Minutes,	$86 50	
Clerk's compensation,	25 00	
Error of	70	
		$112 20

R. L. STEELE, *Chairman.*

H. REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, This Association has learned with deep sorrow, of the death of our beloved br. Philip Grimes, who died about the 13th of July, 1863, be it

Resolved, We deeply sympathize with the affectionate widow and orphan children, in their great loss, also sustained by the church and community.

Resolved, That the cause of seperation, and of the reviving of the Lewis Fork Association, as set forth in their Minutes, is not truth; the 13th article of the United Baptist Association is not anti-republic, nor has it been universally violated; and the burden of proof rests upon them.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and hereby given to the brethren and citizens composing this neighborhood, for their hospitality to us during the sitting of this body. S. TRIVETT, *Chairman.*

N. B. The Jefferson Association will be held with the Mount Pleasant Church, five miles N. E. of Jefferson, Ashe county, N. C., commencing on Thursday, before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1865.

The Catawba Association to be held with the Church at Warlick's Chapel, Burke county, N. C., to commence on Friday, before the second Sabbath in October, 1865.

I. REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report: The language of Holy Writ is, "Freely ye have received, freely give."—Through the mercies of God, our lots have been cast in a land where the gospel rings in every valley, and reverberates from hill to hill.—The bible lies on every table, the glad tidings of salvation are brought to every house. "Freely ye have received." Now what would we take for the little hope of salvation which we possess? For what would we exchange the many thousands of gospel privileges which we have? But two-thirds of our fellow mortals are without this great boon, are perishing from the want of the bread of life. Not a single ray of gospel light has ever darted across their dark, benighted minds.

They are now stretching out their hands to you, and calling for a knowledge of that truth, for which you would, perhaps, sacrifice your lives. Now, will you not freely give? Will you refuse to extend the good news of salvation to the sinking millions around you? But there are thousands within our own borders, who are daily calling upon you to send the glorious gospel to them. And they are those who are your sons, brothers, husbands and fathers. They are those who are standing up in defence of your country, property, lives and liberty. In the midst of their thousands of dangers, privations and troubles, hundreds of them are to-day without the bible, without the gospel. Hundreds of them are languishing in the hospitals, with no stream from the glorious fountain of religion to cheer and revive their drooping spirits. Thousands of them are being ushered into the blood and smoke of battle, with no hope in Jesus. Can this be so, and yet we are doing so little? As the poor soldier writhes in his last wasting struggle, no wonder he can say, no man careth for my soul. Brethren, every true, enlightened christian, is a missionary, and freely giveth of his means to support the work of missions. Jesus, our Saviour, was a missionary. A missionary is one sent. Jesus was sent of the Father to be a propitiation for our sins. No christian can behold the missionary upon the cross without having his very soul stirred within, to the great and glorious work of missions.

J. McNEIL.

PASTORS OF CHURCHES IN THE UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	*Pastors.*
Taylor Spring,	Elder W. G. Brown,
Dudley Shoal,	No return,
Taylorsville,	Elder R. H. Moody,
Center,	" R. H. Moody,
Concord,	" I. Oxford,
Liberty Grove,	" S. Ferguson,
New Hope,	" J. McNeil,
Oak Forest,	" Ed. Martin,
Liberty Chapel,	" S. Trivett,
Bethel,	" A. Johnson.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER.

——— County, N. C, ——— Saturday in ——— 18——. The Baptist Church at ———. We have chosen as our Delegates to the Association ———Statistics as follows:

Received by Baptism,
" " Letter,
" " Recantation,
" " Application,
Dismissed by Letter,
Excluded,
Deceased, Total.

Church Meetings,
Ordained Ministers,
Licentiates,
Pastors,
Post Office,
Sabbath School statistics,
Superintendent,
No. of Teachers,
Students,
Verses committed,
Stanzas of hymns,
Ch. Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	Saturdays.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized.....	Rec. by Let.	Restored.....	Rec. by Ap.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.....	Deceased.....	Total Num.	Contributions
Taylor Spring,	Iredell,	Poplar Bridge,	2	J. B. Green, - - - - - -							1	35	$ 4 00
Bethel,	Ashe,	Jefferson,		R. Gentry, - - - - - -		6						21	20 00
Liberty Chapel,	Ashe,	Jefferson,		S. Trivett, - - - - - -				1		5	1	37	20 00
Oak Forest,	Wilkes,	Brier Creek,	3	B. P. Martin, - - - - - -						2		14	8 00
New Hope,	Wilkes,	Perlear's Creek,	4	J. McNeil, A. W. Vannoy, P. Eller, -	9				2	3	3	109	16 96
Concord,	Alexander,	Taylorsville,	4	G. W. McIntosh, S. Daner, J. Faulkner,							2	51	6 00
Liberty Grove,	Alexander,	Taylorsville,	4	R. L. Steele, - - - - - -	1		1				1	49	4 32
Center,	Alexander,	Little River,		Jas. Reed, J. H. West, - - - -	15							37	10 00
Taylorsville,	Alexander,	Taylorsville,	3	S. Ferguson, I. Oxford, W. R. Gaultney,		1					1	35	8 00
Dudley Shoal,	Caldwell,	Deals Mills,	2	J. Grider, - - - - - - -	1						1	15	5 00
					26	3	1	1	2	5	12	163	$102 30